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# Proclamation



**Whereas,** In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the National Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for planting trees, and

**Whereas,** this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than one million trees in Nebraska, and

**Whereas,** Arbor Day is now observed in the Village of Westmont, throughout the nation and the world; and

**Whereas,** trees are a renewable resource, reduce erosion, cut heating costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, provide habitat for wildlife, increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

**Whereas,** the Village of Westmont has been recognized for planting over 100 trees annually; and,

**Whereas,** trees in our village increase property values, enhance the economic viability of business areas, and beautify our community; and

**Whereas,** the Village of Westmont has been recognized as a Tree City USA for twenty three (24) consecutive years.

Now, therefore, I, Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor of the Village of Westmont, do hereby proclaim **April 24, 2020** as Arbor Day in the Village of Westmont, and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees, woodlands, and urban forest.

Passed and approved by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Westmont, DuPage County, Illinois, on this **23rd day of April 2020**.

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

Approve: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ron Gunter, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Virginia Szymanski, Clerk